

March Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during March 2014 totaled 2.36 billion pounds, down 2 percent from March 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month. Production per cow averaged 1,860 pounds.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.7 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2013. February revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from February 2013. The February revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,959 pounds for March. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States for March was 8.51 million head, 1,000 head more than February 2014.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.1 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

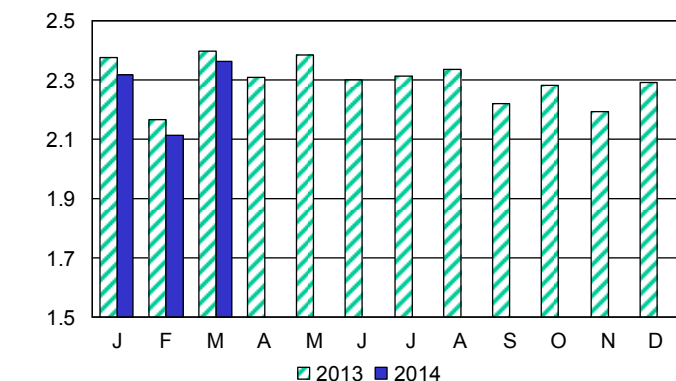
The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.22 million head.

March Milk Production

| State | Milk cows 1/ | | Rate per cow 2/ | | Production 2/ | | Production % chnge 2014/13 |
|----------------|---------------|------|-----------------|------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | 2013 3/ | 2014 | 2013 3/ | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | |
| | Thousand head | | Pounds | | Million pounds | | Percent |
| WI | 1,270 | | 1,860 | | 2,400 | 2,362 | -2 |
| CA | 1,781 | | 2,140 | | 3,676 | 3,811 | +4 |
| ID | 568 | | 2,025 | | 1,131 | 1,150 | +2 |
| MI | 381 | | 2,090 | | 794 | 796 | n.c. |
| MN | 459 | | 1,700 | | 811 | 780 | -4 |
| NM | 323 | | 2,210 | | 715 | 714 | n.c. |
| NY | 615 | | 1,885 | | 1,159 | 1,159 | n.c. |
| PA | 531 | | 1,750 | | 926 | 929 | n.c. |
| TX | 445 | | 2,010 | | 840 | 894 | +6 |
| 23-state total | 8,514 | | 1,959 | | 16,501 | 16,681 | +1 |

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/Survey was not conducted in April and July, resulting in no milk cow and milk per cow data for March through June 2013. Source: USDA, NASS

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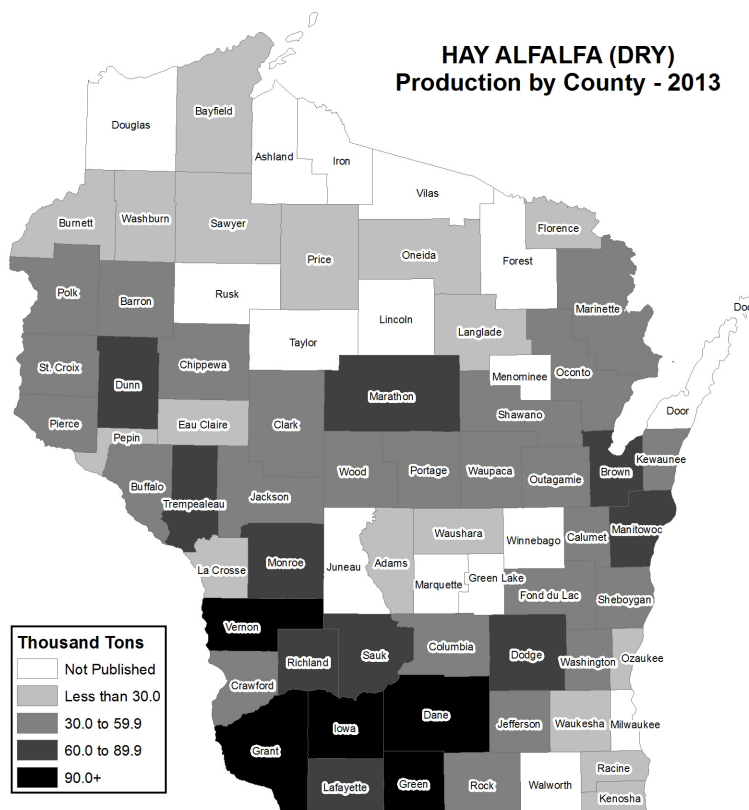
Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U. S.

| Item and area | February 2013 | January 2014 | February 2014 | Change from last year |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | 1,000 pounds | | | Percent |
| CHEESE | | | | |
| American Cheddar | 346,687 | 380,374 | 341,347 | -2 |
| WI | 46,849 | 49,198 | 43,000 | -8 |
| CA | 25,552 | 34,964 | 30,043 | +18 |
| ID | 33,478 | 35,803 | 30,994 | -7 |
| MN | 41,913 | 49,690 | 43,948 | +5 |
| US | 251,357 | 277,089 | 249,259 | -1 |
| Blue & Gorgonzola | 7,617 | 7,115 | 6,535 | -14 |
| Brick & Muenster | 11,824 | 13,095 | 11,558 | -2 |
| Cream & Neufchatel | 63,656 | 60,754 | 50,706 | -20 |
| Feta | 6,957 | 8,142 | 8,155 | +17 |
| Gouda | 3,547 | 5,679 | 5,392 | +52 |
| Hispanic | 18,607 | 20,077 | 18,149 | -2 |
| Mozzarella | | | | |
| WI | 72,367 | 80,152 | 74,600 | +3 |
| CA | 98,819 | 118,811 | 111,571 | +13 |
| US | 278,934 | 332,420 | 299,750 | +7 |
| Parmesan | 25,205 | 24,787 | 21,892 | -13 |
| Provolone | 27,381 | 31,925 | 25,515 | -7 |
| Ricotta | 18,911 | 22,158 | 18,108 | -4 |
| Romano | 4,868 | 3,237 | 3,026 | -38 |
| Other Italian types | 5,571 | 5,789 | 5,831 | +5 |
| Total Italian | | | | |
| WI | 108,892 | 122,965 | 109,911 | +1 |
| CA | 106,859 | 128,889 | 119,532 | +12 |
| US | 360,870 | 420,316 | 374,122 | +4 |
| Swiss | 23,424 | 25,875 | 22,845 | -2 |
| All other cheese | 12,589 | 11,559 | 11,774 | -6 |
| Total cheese | | | | |
| WI | 220,091 | 242,496 | 214,956 | -2 |
| CA | 175,144 | 204,899 | 185,643 | +6 |
| ID | 63,868 | 78,398 | 61,294 | -4 |
| NM | 57,575 | 64,044 | 58,674 | +2 |
| NY | 58,681 | 61,141 | 54,711 | -7 |
| US | 855,778 | 952,986 | 850,583 | -1 |

Source: USDA, NASS

ALFALFA HAY (DRY): Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2013 1/

| County and District | Harvested | Yield per acre | Production | County and District | Harvested | Yield per acre | Production |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Acres | Tons | | | Acres | Tons | |
| Barron | 22,100 | 1.80 | 40,200 | Crawford | 17,800 | 2.60 | 46,600 |
| Bayfield | 5,910 | 1.25 | 7,500 | Grant | 51,600 | 3.10 | 159,300 |
| Burnett | 6,740 | 1.50 | 10,200 | Iowa | 31,400 | 3.55 | 111,300 |
| Chippewa | 19,600 | 2.05 | 40,300 | Lafayette | 23,900 | 2.85 | 68,200 |
| Polk | 20,000 | 2.00 | 40,200 | Richland | 21,000 | 2.90 | 60,700 |
| Sawyer | 2,820 | 1.95 | 5,500 | Sauk | 27,000 | 2.45 | 66,500 |
| Washburn | 6,630 | 1.85 | 12,100 | Vernon | 39,800 | 2.40 | 95,800 |
| Other Counties | 13,500 | 1.75 | 23,500 | Southwest | 212,500 | 2.85 | 608,400 |
| Northwest | 97,300 | 1.85 | 179,500 | | | | |
| Clark | 27,900 | 2.10 | 58,200 | Columbia | 17,900 | 3.05 | 54,600 |
| Marathon | 34,900 | 2.45 | 85,900 | Dane | 34,600 | 3.25 | 113,300 |
| Oneida | 1,440 | 1.30 | 1,850 | Dodge | 27,200 | 3.15 | 85,000 |
| Price | 2,990 | 2.15 | 6,500 | Green | 34,200 | 3.15 | 107,200 |
| Other Counties | 19,970 | 2.20 | 44,150 | Jefferson | 14,200 | 2.70 | 38,000 |
| North Central | 87,200 | 2.25 | 196,600 | Rock | 15,700 | 3.15 | 49,100 |
| | | | | South Central | 143,800 | 3.10 | 447,200 |
| Florence | 1,930 | 2.15 | 4,130 | Kenosha | 3,740 | 3.25 | 12,100 |
| Langlade | 4,520 | 2.60 | 11,700 | Ozaukee | 6,850 | 2.75 | 18,800 |
| Marinette | 13,700 | 2.50 | 34,500 | Racine | 6,970 | 2.60 | 18,000 |
| Oconto | 17,900 | 2.45 | 44,100 | Washington | 12,000 | 3.55 | 42,400 |
| Shawano | 20,700 | 2.60 | 53,800 | Waukesha | 7,170 | 2.60 | 18,800 |
| Other Counties | 2,650 | 1.25 | 3,370 | Other Counties | 9,570 | 3.35 | 32,100 |
| Northeast | 61,400 | 2.45 | 151,600 | Southeast | 46,300 | 3.05 | 142,200 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Buffalo | 22,700 | 2.30 | 51,800 | State Total | 1,100,000 | 2.60 | 2,860,000 |
| Dunn | 31,000 | 2.30 | 70,700 | (D) Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. | | | |
| Eau Claire | 14,600 | 1.85 | 27,000 | 1/Some county data does not meet publication standards. However, this unpublished data is included in "other counties. Source: USDA, NASS | | | |
| Jackson | 16,100 | 2.30 | 36,800 | | | | |
| La Crosse | 11,900 | 2.30 | 27,400 | | | | |
| Monroe | 23,800 | 2.85 | 68,100 | | | | |
| Pepin | 6,500 | 2.30 | 15,100 | | | | |
| Pierce | 20,200 | 2.80 | 57,000 | | | | |
| St. Croix | 21,700 | 2.15 | 46,500 | | | | |
| Trempealeau | 24,700 | 2.55 | 63,100 | | | | |
| West Central | 193,200 | 2.40 | 463,500 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Adams | 6,400 | 2.70 | 17,400 | | | | |
| Portage | 23,200 | 1.95 | 44,700 | | | | |
| Waupaca | 22,000 | 2.50 | 55,500 | | | | |
| Waushara | 8,880 | 2.15 | 19,000 | | | | |
| Wood | 20,000 | 2.55 | 50,500 | | | | |
| Other Counties | 26,720 | 2.40 | 64,700 | | | | |
| Central | 107,200 | 2.35 | 251,800 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Brown | 20,900 | 2.95 | 61,900 | | | | |
| Calumet | 14,800 | 2.40 | 35,600 | | | | |
| Fond Du Lac | 20,800 | 2.60 | 54,100 | | | | |
| Kewaunee | 15,300 | 3.05 | 46,600 | | | | |
| Manitowoc | 19,500 | 3.15 | 61,600 | | | | |
| Outagamie | 14,500 | 2.90 | 42,300 | | | | |
| Sheboygan | 18,100 | 2.85 | 51,200 | | | | |
| Other Counties | 27,200 | 2.40 | 65,900 | | | | |
| East Central | 151,100 | 2.75 | 419,200 | | | | |

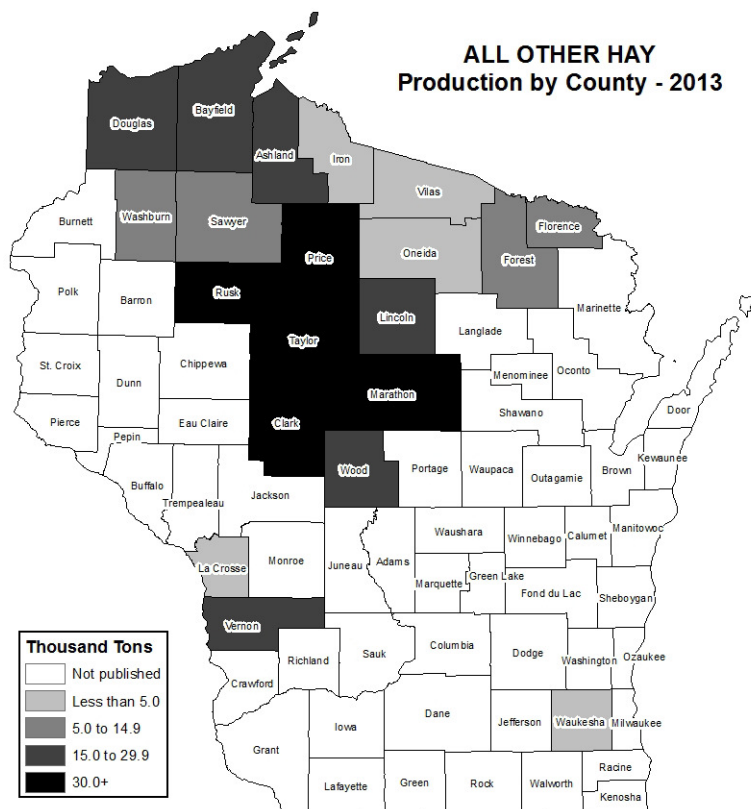
**HAY ALFALFA (DRY)
Production by County - 2013**

OTHER HAY (DRY): Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2013 1/

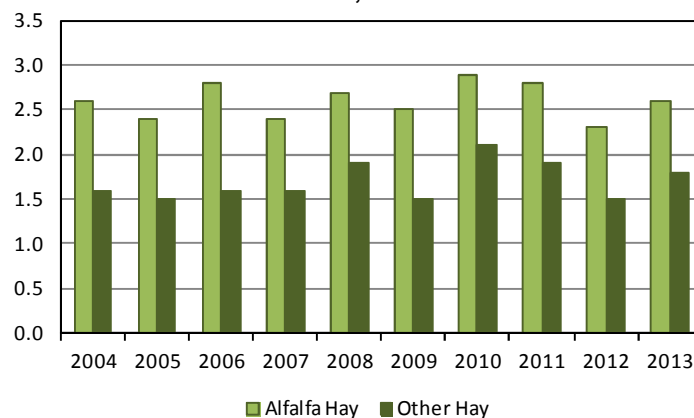
| County and District | Harvested | Yield | Production |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Acres | per acre | Tons |
| Bayfield | 18,300 | 1.45 | 26,500 |
| Douglas | 17,200 | 1.25 | 21,900 |
| Rusk | 18,000 | 1.85 | 33,500 |
| Sawyer | 7,390 | 1.35 | 9,800 |
| Washburn | 7,650 | 1.55 | 11,800 |
| Other Counties | 41,360 | 1.40 | 58,900 |
| Northwest | 109,900 | 1.50 | 162,400 |
| Ashland | 12,900 | 1.75 | 22,500 |
| Clark | 21,800 | 1.65 | 36,400 |
| Iron | 1,790 | 1.00 | 1,800 |
| Lincoln | 10,900 | 1.40 | 15,100 |
| Marathon | 22,800 | 1.80 | 41,000 |
| Oneida | 3,890 | 1.20 | 4,700 |
| Price | 22,000 | 1.75 | 38,000 |
| Taylor | 26,000 | 1.95 | 51,000 |
| Vilas | 920 | 1.30 | 1,200 |
| Other Counties | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| North Central | 123,000 | 1.70 | 211,700 |
| Florence | 4,070 | 1.35 | 5,400 |
| Forest | 4,930 | 1.40 | 6,800 |
| Other Counties | 21,100 | 1.90 | 40,100 |
| Northeast | 30,100 | 1.75 | 52,300 |
| La Crosse | 2,660 | 1.60 | 4,300 |
| Other Counties | 55,740 | 1.60 | 87,900 |
| West Central | 58,400 | 1.60 | 92,200 |
| Wood | 16,200 | 1.75 | 28,100 |
| Other Counties | 30,200 | 1.90 | 57,000 |
| Central | 46,400 | 1.85 | 85,100 |
| Other Counties | 36,000 | 2.55 | 92,100 |
| East Central | 36,000 | 2.55 | 92,100 |
| Vernon | 9,330 | 1.80 | 16,600 |
| Other Counties | 46,470 | 2.15 | 100,300 |
| Southwest | 55,800 | 2.10 | 116,900 |
| Other Counties | 30,900 | 2.15 | 67,000 |
| South Central | 30,900 | 2.15 | 67,000 |
| Waukesha | 2,380 | 1.90 | 4,570 |
| Other Counties | 7,120 | 2.20 | 15,730 |
| Southeast | 9,500 | 2.15 | 20,300 |
| State Total | 500,000 | 1.80 | 900,000 |

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**Alfalfa and Other Hay, Yield,
Wisconsin, 2004-2013**



United States Hog Inventory Down 3 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2014 was 62.9 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2013, and down 5 percent from December 1, 2013.

Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 57.0 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down 5 percent from last quarter.

The December 2013-February 2014 pig crop, at 27.3 million head, was down 3 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.53 for the December-February period, compared to 10.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.



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